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Summary

Having characters come to life, out of a television screen, is not new for Lucy or Ravyn. That's how Yuriko came to them from an anime named "Lady Vengeance," with Kojima, who was Yuriko's boyfriend in that series, later joining them. These days, Lucy and Yuriko were beginning their new romantic relationship together, and tried their best to be with each other. Ravyn was still working out how she felt about her sister and the female character (at the time) she loved, as a fangirl, Yuriko, being together. One night, she and her sister were finishing their marathon watch of the final episodes of "Dear Brother," on a Blu-ray which Lucy's friend had given to her at school. What would happen next would surprise them all, and especially catch Ravyn off guard in... more ways than one.

Notes

I originally planned to publish this on Lesbian Visibility Day but it took a while to write it. I first thought of the idea for this fic while on vacation because I recently finished Dear Brother and since "Slice of Life" (see the inspirations section) is one of my favorite webcomics that I've read recently. The story is done so well, with a great way of telling growing lesbian feelings of the protagonist, Lucy, for Yuriko (also known as Lady Vengeance), while she has to deal with her sister, Ravyn, who is a dedicated Yuriko fangirl, and believes that Yuriko *only* loves Kojima, who she loves during the anime. Having people come out of a TV and into real-life is a clear theme in the series, as two characters have done so in the series, up to this point: Yuriko and Kojima. The latter was more awkward since Yuriko started dating the cheerleader Lucy. Ravyn has been through a lot in the webcomic, but I wanted to through Rei's wildness into the mix. I'd recommend that people read the webcomic and watch Dear Brother, but you do not need to know either of those before reading this fic. Also see my recent four-chapter Dear Brother fic, entitled "[Blue Angels Fly High: Marshall's Selfless Act, Rei's Surprise, Nanako's Joy, Little Grey Men, and... Everlasting Love?](#)" which I published recently. There will be some spoilers, especially, for the last seven episodes of that classic yuri anime: "Fly High" (ep. 33), "Ablution" (ep. 34), "A Beach of Dreams" (ep. 35), "Glowing Fireflies, Blazing Passion" (ep. 36), "Carousel" (ep. 37), "Yes" (ep. 38), and "A Lingering Fragrance" (ep. 39) [series finale].

Comments are welcome and appreciated.

Update: This fic was cross-posted [on Squidge World](#), [Wattpad](#) (under a truncated title), [Quotev](#), and [Asianfanfics](#). It will later be cross-posted elsewhere.

See the end of the work for [more notes](#)

- Inspired by [Slice of Life \[GL\]](#) by Kat & Phil

Ravyn was angry. The credits for the episode began to roll, before the disc moved to the next episode. "How could they kill off the *wonderful* Saint-Juste like that? She had so much of her life ahead of her!"

Her sister, Lucy, couldn't agree more. It did seem unfair. She sighed. "I don't know. But this was made in the early '90s, so perhaps that's the best they could do then? I mean there *must* have been pushback to putting this series out there then...I'd guess." She had come around to liking more yuri anime and manga after Ravyn introduced one to her all that time ago.

They had a good laugh together. Recently, they had been a bit at odds, especially after Yuriko came out of the *Lady Vengeance* anime, and started a romantic relationship with Lucy. They had gone through a lot to get there, but there was no doubt they had been attracted to each other from the second they saw one another. There were clear sparks. It had gotten a little more complicated with Yuriko's in-series boyfriend, Kojima, showed up, since she no longer had feelings for him, which deeply upset him. While he hadn't had a good talk with Yuriko yet about it, he had talked to Dante, a gay friend of Lucy and Ravyn.

As the classic opening of the next episode began, [a theme](#) which expressed a lot of what the characters were going through, they mentally prepared themselves for what was to come. There had already been a lot, at this point, in the series, from bullying to emotional manipulation, and violence. In one iconic scene, one schoolgirl, named Mariko, cut the arm of a fellow schoolgirl, Aya, with a box cutter. Aya goaded her into it, by mentioning her parents divorce, which continued to cause Mariko emotional turmoil every day and night. While you could see Mariko's action as extreme, Aya had pushed to do it. The sympathy of the other students for Aya, rather than Mariko, apart from her good friend, Nanako, did not help matters. The students were totally awful. Some people might have dropped out of school after being bullied like this, but Mariko did not.

After a few more hours, they finished watching the rest of this epic series. It was a huge time commitment, comprising 39 episodes, comprising various arcs, for a total of 16 hours and 15 minutes. In contrast, if someone had decided to watch all of *Sailor Moon*, which comprised 200 episodes, it would have taken them three days and eight hours. In total, *Sailor Moon's* runtime was 4,800 minutes! And that isn't even counting the movies. Maybe someday they'd watch it.

That night, Lucy and Ravyn wished each other a good night, and promised to talk about the series the next day. Both were especially annoyed at how heterosexual the series ending had been, although Lucy pointed out that Nanako had *never* said that the person she was interested in was a man, but that it could be implied it was a woman instead. They didn't appreciate how the ghost of Rei told Fukiko that her love for Henmi was false, saying this vision of her went against what Rei would have *actually* told her. What the ghost-of-sorts said was utterly biphobic, in their view. That night, something that neither one of them expected happened.

The TV screen in Ravyn's room began to emanate with light, filling the room. Suddenly, a young woman with greenish hair and wearing a very nice suit, fell out. The person slumped to the floor. Ravyn believed she was dreaming. Rei couldn't be here, right? It had to be a

mistake. There's no way that something like this happened *again*. Maybe it was some dream where she was inside a fan fic. After all, she [had written](#) a bunch of *Lady Vengeance* fan fics a while back, but didn't do so anymore... since, well, Yuriko was in the real world now.

"Rei-sama?" Ravyn said, with a look of surprise. She rubbed her eyes, but still thought it couldn't be real. She proceeded to get up and pull Rei to her bed, as she began to blush uncontrollably. Her face was getting hot. Was she really sure this wasn't a dream? She didn't know. Regardless, she still wanted to help this lost soul. It was the least she could do, right?

Rei was utterly exhausted. She did not know how to respond to this woman, who had blond hair and green eyes, and a green shirt (which complimented her eyes). The woman was staring right at her. She laid down on the bed, which was a single. Ravyn tucked herself in and went back to sleep, with both of them facing the opposite way of each other. She didn't even notice Rei's smoky smell from the cigarettes in her pocket. It was a miracle they both fit into the bed.

The next morning came sooner than anyone had expected. As Ravyn opened her eyes, she looked around and saw Rei sleeping next to her. What happened last night! She knew exactly who this woman was, but she wasn't sure how she would deal with it. She had to hide Rei before anyone found her... especially not her sister. While she panicked over this, Yuriko and Lucy came into her room at that very moment. It was too late.

"Uh, Ravyn...who is that sleeping in your bed?" Lucy asked innocently. Yuriko was curious too. She seemed to have a certain masculine aura to her and was wearing some sort of perfume (actually cologne), something that Yuriko couldn't place. This was no accident. In the anime world she had lived, if you could call that living, she just had clothes on her body. She wasn't sure how, but they were there. She had to get used to choosing her own clothes, as well as deodorant, perfume, makeup, and everything else. She never needed anything like that in her old world. But, it was a necessity in the real world.

Blushing intensely, Ravyn covered her face and pointed. "It's Rei Asaka. From *Dear Brother*. She came out of my TV."

Lucy didn't know what to say, nor did Yuriko. Without warning, the woman who was sleeping in the bed began to stir. She had no idea who any of these people were... except Ravyn. She made her way out of bed, yawning, then leaned down and kissed Ravyn's hand. She then said, "it is such a pleasure mademoiselle. You were *wonderful* last night," she said, which embarrassed Ravyn yet again. Wasn't she straight? Why was she feeling this way about a girl? She had never felt this way about Yuriko, so why would this be the case with... Rei?

Yuriko came close to Ravyn and whispered in her ear. "Do you do *anything* last night... with this woman?" Ravyn shook her head. She definitely didn't, not from what she remembered, even though it was a bit fuzzy.

"I just let her sleep in my bed...we weren't even facing one another...I wanted to help her..." she began. As Rei began to yawn, she quickly pulled out a cigarette and lighter from her pocket. Before any of them could stop her, she lit the cigarette and blew a puff of smoke, making Ravyn, Yuriko, and Lucy cough. This was something Lucy couldn't stand. She would not stand for it.

"Miss, this is a non-smoking household...so please don't do that again."

Rei didn't like this blond-haired woman telling her what to do. She still wasn't sure what this place was, but she could tell this was a bedroom of some kind. While she stood and looked around at the room before her, Yuriko, Ravyn, and Lucy huddled together. They were debating how to explain this to their dad. What excuse would they use this time? Lucy had an idea. "We will say she is another exchange student!" Ravyn and Yuriko shook their heads, but they couldn't come up with anything better. They had to explain it somehow... they didn't have much time left.

Ravyn decided to take charge and pulled Rei into the bathroom, and before she knew what was happening, Lucy had sprayed down her clothes with disinfectant to mask the smoky smell. Lucy did the same in Ravyn's bedroom, using a fan and sprays send the smoke outside. All of these efforts worked, with their dad not suspecting a thing. He knew something was up, though.

As they all sat down for breakfast, he looked over and saw Rei. She was certainly... new. "So, who is this young woman?" Lucy took point. She blurted out "she's another foreign exchange student...part of the same program as Yuriko!" For *some reason*, he bought this excuse. The only thing he worried about was where she would sleep. There wasn't a room for her, unless she stayed with someone.

It was then that Ravyn said something which surprised Lucy and Yuriko. She said it without thinking of any possible consequences. "She can stay in my room. She can be my roommate."

Her dad clapped his hands and smiled, then chowed down on his cinnamon raisin toast. It had butter and cinnamon sugar on it, just like he liked it. "Great! It's all settled!"

The rest of the meal went on without incident. Ravyn decided to show Rei around, while Lucy and Yuriko went their own way on a date they had planned. They weren't going to put off their plans just because another mysterious stranger had appeared in their lives. They wouldn't let it upend their love lives. As they left, they could see Rei and Ravyn laughing together, having a dynamic they hadn't expected. They *hoped* Rei and Ravyn would be okay together.

As they went to the bowling alley for the second time, going on purpose *this time* unlike before, Lucy started to confide to Yuriko as they switched into their bowling shoes. "I didn't expect that from my sister...I didn't think she would get along with someone who is doing something she hates so much..."

Yuriko was curious. What could Lucy be talking about? She wasn't sure what she meant. Communication was always important, she felt, especially after the occasional faux pas she had made over time. She truly believed that and in her deep love of Lucy, who reciprocated her feelings completely.

"What is that woman...doing that...Ravyn hates?"

Lucy sighed. She wasn't surprised that Yuriko didn't get it at first. After all, there were no cigarettes from the world she came from. On the other hand, the series villain had burned

down town after town... so, she knew what smoke was... but strangely no one smoked cigarettes there, despite how depressing the world was.

"Smoking. That woman is named Rei Asaka and she is *known* for smoking sexily in the anime that she is from..."

Yuriko had a puzzled look on her face until Lucy used the same motion with her fingers and blew toward her. People were looking at Lucy as she did it. How embarrassing could this be! She wanted to hide in shame.

Now, at last, Yuriko got it. What followed was Lucy giving Yuriko the background on the anime and this woman, Rei, blabbing on about it as they continued bowling. She liked these times with Lucy. She still had a lot to learn about this world, but there was something she understood: being with the person you love. That made sense to her.

At the same time, Rei and Ravyn were walking through a public park. Rei pulled out her lighter and cigarette, and took a puff. The nicotine filled her lungs as she inhaled, then she exhaled, blowing the smoke out of the cigarette. Ravyn coughed. She couldn't stand this stuff. However, she was fascinated by it. This action was an iconic part of this classic yuri anime which some had forgotten about. They focused, instead, on *Rose of Versailles*, an anime adaptation of another manga by Riyoko Ikeda, a well-known mangaka (and singer) known not only for that series, but for *Dear Brother*, and many others over the years. Those were the only two which ever received animated versions.

Ravyn came closer to Rei. She grabbed the cigarette and lighter out of her hand. She had never done anything like this before, but she had watched enough anime to see characters doing it, that she had *some* confidence. Somehow, she did not burn herself. She lit the cigarette, inhaled, and blew out the smoke. Rei laughed, jesting her, "you aren't suited for this...and neither was Nanako."

This couldn't have annoyed Ravyn more. She wouldn't put up with such claims. She projected fake self-confidence to hide her insecurities. "Of course I am! Just watch me!" she shouted back.

Rei hadn't expected this feistiness from her. It reminded her a little of Nanako, even though Ravyn was very different from that nice girl in more ways than one. Rei continued to taunt her until Yuriko and Lucy appeared nearby, seeing Ravyn with the cigarette in her hands. Yuriko didn't know what to think. Lucy was flabbergasted. She never imagined her sister would do this.

"Ravyn...what are you doing with that cigarette?" When Ravyn heard her sister, she froze in place. She never should have done this. Maybe she should just go home and watch a bunch of yuri anime instead... she could let her worries wash away as she consumed her mind with entertainment. Suddenly, Rei jumped to her defense, grabbing the cigarette, and declared "she was just holding it for me...miss." She proceeded to inhale from the cigarette and blow a smoke cloud into Lucy's face, causing her to stagger back. This was something that Yuriko did not appreciate. Before Lucy could stop her, Yuriko shouted back.

"I don't care who you are, lady...but you don't do that kind of thing to *my* girlfriend. You just don't."

Grumbling, Rei reached into her pocket and pulled out a container. She proceeded to rattle it around and a few pills came out. She proceeded to put her head back and swallow them. Lucy and Ravyn knew what they were (painkillers), but weren't sure what to say to her, nor did Yuriko, who was too annoyed. Seeing no response, Rei proceeded to throw her cigarettes and lighter toward Ravyn. She then declared "suit yourself" and she walked away.

As she ambled around the park, she saw a nearby cherry tree, and decided to sit down on the ground near it, as the blossoms began to fall. She had to relax herself. She had been through a lot since she had woken up. She still wasn't sure exactly what this place was, or how she had even gotten there. She also was unsure what strange language people were speaking. Apparently, she spoke the same language, which wasn't Japanese, yet another mystery.

A boy with brown kinky hair and brownish skin came toward her. He looked different than anyone else here, who mainly had pinkish skin. He had been asked to be there with Ravyn who had called her in a feat of desperation. He had decided to oblige, only because he happened to be in the area.

"Miss...are you doing okay?" the boy began. Rei looked up and saw him. He extended his hand after she acknowledged him, although she didn't respond to him. "I'm Dante. You want to talk about it?"

Rei sighed. She had to tell someone. And he was that person... apparently.

"I don't know where the hell I am. One second I was in a coffin after I fell off a railroad bridge...I just wanted to be with a woman I love...and now I find myself in this strange place..."

Dante did not know what to say to her. What could you say to someone like that? He attempted to reply to her.

"Uh...you are on Earth first of all...and secondly...I'm so sorry." Rei could see he was trying to be understanding. While some people would have hugged him after he said something like this, she only shook his hand.

Not long after, Yuriko, Lucy, and Ravyn appeared. Rei, while she was still annoyed with Yuriko after her harsh words toward her, decided to walk with them. She needed *someone* to guide her around this weird land, and perhaps they were the ones who could do it. Whatever happened to them next would be up to them... and Rei was sure to upset existing dynamics, without a doubt.

End Notes

This fic was inspired by my reading of the characters in "Slice of Life" and those in "Dear Brother," and by what a well-known yuri reviewer, Erica Friedman, said about Rei (also known as Saint-Juste) [here](#) ("the beautifully tragic Sainte-Juste, who makes homicidal depression and drug use look...sexy") and [here](#) ("...no one makes doing drugs, smoking, going mad and dying tragically look as sexy as Sainte-Juste does"). I also brought in my own thoughts on how Dear Brother ended. I started this fic on March 25th and updated it as I went, deciding to finish another fic with Hailey's On It! first, then schedule this one for Lesbian Visibility Day, which is part of Lesbian Visibility Week, and held every year on April 26th, but that didn't happen, so its publication was a bit delayed.

The runtimes of Dear Brother and Sailor Moon come from entries for those series on Trakt.tv. In the process of writing this fic, I reread the entire series to make sure I got Ravyn right, as a character with insecurities and occasional low opinion of herself, and seems to be depressed, even going to a therapist in recent issues. This isn't surprising considering for one the bisexual mother of Lucy and Ravyn died when they were five, and they are raised by their dad, Simon. While [they said](#) she is straight and "alternative/geeky" in the comic itself, I wanted to take a different tact here. Originally I had been planning to say she was gay, but I changed it, as saying she would be bi would be... more in character, as she has a canonical crush on a male character (Kojima). There's Melodie the cinophile (who is [ace](#)) and Amy and brainiac, who are Lucy's friends [in the comic](#), but I wasn't sure if including them made sense in this fic specifically, but I may include them in upcoming fics drawing from the Slice of Life series. The same goes for [characters](#) like Charlie (the trans sister of Kris), Brett's cousin Britt, and [others](#) (also see [here](#)). Admittedly, I could have done more with this fic, but I think this creates a good starting point I can branch off from at some point in the future, if I choose to do so.

Update on 5/12/25: It was sad to see a spam comment on here today. I won't repeat what it is, but was disturbing, and it's why I restricted this fic so that ONLY those which are registered users can comment. I hope more fans of Dear Brother, or other people on here, find this fic, so it can get some love.

Please [drop by the Archive and comment](#) to let the creator know if you enjoyed their work!